

## **Granting Green International permission to sue the State of Texas**

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HCR 135 by S. Thompson (Haley)

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DIGEST:	HCR 135 would have granted Green International, formerly known as Argee Corporation, permission to sue the State of Texas and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under the Civil Practice and Remedies Code over construction of three 1,000-bed medium security prisons.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	"This concurrent resolution would grant Green International permission to sue the State of Texas concerning construction contracts with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Due to the questionable nature of this lawsuit and the lack of appropriation to pay a judgment that might result from it, this resolution should be vetoed."
RESPONSE:	Rep. Senfronia Thompson, the author of HCR 135, said: "I was curious why the Governor's Office did not tell us they had problems with the resolution when it was in committee. No one from the Governor's Office approached us while it was in committee. The committee believed the case appeared to have meritorious issues, and that is why it was voted out of committee."
NOTES:	HCR 135 was the only resolution granting permission to sue the state approved by the Legislature during the regular session.